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SUBJECT: DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD. QUOTE. DEAR MR. MINISTER. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY ON THE SAD OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT DE VALERA. WE IN THE UNITED STATES KNEW HIM AS A BRAVE LEADER OF HIS PEOPLE AND AS A DISTINGUISHED STATESMAN DEVOTED TO ACHIEVING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND FREEDOM FOR ALL NATIONS. THIS RENOWNED SON OF AMERICA WILL ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS, AND HIS IDEAS WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE ALL OF US. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT PLAN RELEASE OF TEXT OF SECRETARY'S MESSAGE BUT HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY IRISH GOVERNMENT.

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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT: QUOTE. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I HAVE LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF EAMON DE VALERA, THE FORMER PRESIDENT OF IRELAND. I EX-

TEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND THAT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE PEOPLE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND. FOR HALF A CENTURY, MR. DE VALERA WAS A SYMBOL OF IRELAND'S IDEALS AND ASPIRATIONS. HE SERVED THE IRISH PEOPLE DEVOTEDLY AND UNSTINTINGLY, AS PARLIAMENTARIAN, PRIME MINISTER AND AS PRESIDENT FOR 14 YEARS. MR. DE VALERA ALSO PERSONIFIED THE TIES OF KINSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN IRELAND AND THE UNITED STATES. TOGETHER WITH THE IRISH PEOPLE, WE MOURN HIS PASSING. INGERSOLL

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